

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLOAC) Meeting

Wednesday, July 2nd 2008, 1:00-3:30 Room 461, Olympia NRB

Meeting Attendees: Mary McDonald, Marc Engel, Jeff Galleher, Dave Whipple, Sherry Fox, Mark Hicks, Adrian Miller, Maurice Williamson, Dennis Dart, Ken Miller, Phil Hess, Jeffrey Thomas, Jim Peters

Jim Peters of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) introduced himself. He is filling Joseph Pavel's position. He will be attending SFLAC meetings when possible in the future.

Mary McDonald gave an update on the SFLO programs:

- Staff Update - Matt Castle has recently been hired in NE region to replace the retiring Len Brodersen.
- There was recently a Family Forest Field Day in Dayton with an attendance of approximately 100 people. Another Family Forest Field Day is planned for August 23 in Naselle, WA.
- Family Forest Fish Passage Program (FFFPP) deadline for applications to be considered this year closed 6/30. More applications were received this year over last year in large part to an outreach effort from Michael Ahr organizing a mailing to over 3400 to potential small landowners.
- Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREPs) end of the fiscal year numbers will be in shortly but we have been completing FREPs in a shorter time frame
- Long Term Applications In progress means landowners actively working on the application. * Considering means landowners has consulted with staff but has not started work on an LTA. * Rejections were for incorrect stream types; not identifying potentially unstable areas; sedimentation problems.

Validated	6	In progress	2
Considering	3	Rejected	3
Approved	4	In Review	1

- Legislative reports - Carol Walters and Charlene Rodgers are the leads on the Small Forest Landowner RMAP checklist report and the small forest landowner demographics report both are due in December 2008.

Brainstorm session Following were problem statements

Problem statements issues can be placed into 3 categories

- Forest and Fish
- Non-Aquatic Resources
- Non Forest

Complexity of the riparian rules- small landowners can't understand the requirement so they may leave more trees than actually required. This is a disincentive to manage within the RMZ.

Promise of credit (recognition) of small landowners having lower impact than industrial harvests has not happened. Not getting flexibility needed in the rules and in operations.

We don't have a low impact definition.

Remedies possible: cost-share to lay-out a riparian management zone (RMZ)
Cost-share for landowner to prepare an alternate plan

DNR and Sally made the commitment to review past suggestions on what identifies the small landowner as a low impact harvester, for the next meeting.

Upcoming meetings

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 6th 2008 in room 461 of the NRB at 1:00pm
- For the rest of the summer, meetings will be cut down half days in the afternoons of the first Wednesday of every month